**!!! Verify Your Information !!!**

**Who, What, When, Where, Why and How?**

1. ***Who*** wrote the information?

Look for the author or affiliation and then google that person to find out what their background is.

1. ***What*** kind of information are they providing?

Is this a personal opinion page, a well-researched report, fiction, or something else? If you can’t tell, compare it with information from other sources.

1. ***When*** was the site last updated?

How recent is the information? If you’re writing a Science report, for example, you’ll want the most up-to-date info you can find.

1. ***Where*** is the site located?

Is it a personal site or is it affiliated with a credible institution?

1. ***Why*** are they providing the information?

Are they trying to sell you something or persuade you of a particular point of view?

1. ***How*** did I find the site?

Was it a link from another site? If so, how credible was that site? I you found it through a search engine, did you compare it with other results?